



## **Texas Department of Insurance**

### **Division of Workers' Compensation**

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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## **MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Requestor Name**

DALLAS TESTING INC

**Respondent Name**

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC

**MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-15-1763-01

**Carrier's Austin Representative**

Box Number 01

**MFDR Date Received**

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

### **REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Requestor's Position Summary:** The requestor did not submit a position summary in the dispute packet.

**Amount in Dispute:** \$664.82

### **RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "The provider billed CPT 95913: Nerve conduction studies; 13 or more studies. The documentation submitted does not support 13 studies as the studies performed...total of 10 nerve studies. It is important to note that each nerve constitutes one unit of service and each nerve is reported only once even when multiple sites on the same nerve are stimulated or recorded. CPT 95869: Needle electromyography; thoracic paraspinal muscles (excluding T1 or T12). This was not documented in the report. Code A4115 is a supply code and is not separately reimbursable under Medicare Guidelines."

**Response Submitted by:** Helmsman Management Services, LLC

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
October 30, 2014	CPT Code 95913 Nerve Conduction Studies (13 or more)	\$482.86	\$0.00
	CPT Code 95886 Needle EMG	\$3.01	\$0.00
	CPT Code 95869 Needle EMG of Thoracic Spine	\$118.95	\$0.00
	HCPCS Code A4215 Needle	\$60.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$664.82	\$0.00

### **FINDINGS AND DECISION**

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

## **Background**

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203, effective March 1, 2008, sets the reimbursement guidelines for the disputed service.
3. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
  - Z710-The charge for this procedure exceeds the fee schedule allowance.
  - P300-Charge exceeds fee schedule/maximum allowable or contracted/legislated fee arrangement.
  - X449-Billed procedure is not documented in the submitted records.
  - U630-Procedure code not separately payable under Medicare and-or fee schedule guidelines.
  - 193-Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
  - W3-Additional payment made on appeal/reconsideration.
  - B13-Previously paid. Payment for this claim/service may have been provided in a previous payment.
  - X598-Claim has been re-evaluated based on additional documentation submitted; no additional payment due.

## **Issues**

1. Does the documentation support billing CPT code 95913?
2. Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement for CPT codes 95886?
3. Does the documentation support billing CPT code 95869?
4. Is the benefit for HCPCS code A4215 included in the benefit of another service billed on the disputed date? Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement for HCPCS code A4215?

## **Findings**

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203(a)(5) states "Medicare payment policies" when used in this section, shall mean reimbursement methodologies, models, and values or weights including its coding, billing, and reporting payment policies as set forth in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) payment policies specific to Medicare."

The American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) defines code 95913 as "Nerve conduction studies; 13 or more studies."

The respondent contends that reimbursement is not due because "The documentation submitted does not support 13 studies as the studies performed...total of 10 nerve studies."

A review of the submitted documentation finds that 10 nerve studies were performed; therefore, the documentation does not support level of service billed.

2. The issue in dispute is whether the requestor is due additional reimbursement for CPT code 95886?  
CPT code 95886 is defined as "Needle electromyography, each extremity, with related paraspinal areas, when performed, done with nerve conduction, amplitude and latency/velocity study; complete, five or more muscles studied, innervated by three or more nerves or four or more spinal levels (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)."  
Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203(c)(1)(2), "To determine the MAR for professional services, system participants shall apply the Medicare payment policies with minimal modifications.  
(1) For service categories of Evaluation & Management, General Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Radiology, Pathology, Anesthesia, and Surgery when performed in an office setting, the established conversion factor to be applied is \$52.83. For Surgery when performed in a facility setting, the established conversion factor to be applied is \$66.32.  
(2) The conversion factors listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be the conversion factors for calendar year 2008. Subsequent year's conversion factors shall be determined by applying the annual percentage adjustment of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) to the previous year's conversion factors, and shall be effective January 1st of the new calendar year. The following hypothetical example illustrates this annual adjustment activity if the Division had been using this MEI annual percentage adjustment: The 2006 Division conversion factor of \$50.83 (with the exception of surgery) would have been multiplied by the 2007 MEI annual percentage increase of 2.1 percent, resulting in the \$51.90 (with the exception of surgery) Division conversion factor in 2007."

To determine the MAR the following formula is used: (DWC Conversion Factor/Medicare Conversion Factor)

X Participating Amount = Maximum Allowable Reimbursement (MAR).

The 2014 DWC conversion factor for this service is 55.75.

The Medicare Conversion Factor is 35.8228

Review of Box 32 on the CMS-1500 the services were rendered in zip code 76112, which is located in Fort Worth, Texas. Therefore, the Medicare participating amount will be based on the reimbursement for "Fort Worth, Texas".

The Medicare participating amount for CPT code 95886 is \$91.06.

Using the above formula, the Division finds the MAR is \$141.71. The respondent paid \$141.71. As a result, the Division finds the requestor is due \$0.00 additional reimbursement.

3. CPT code 95869 is defined as "Needle electromyography; thoracic paraspinal muscles (excluding T1 or T12)."

The respondent denied reimbursement for CPT code 95869 because the documentation did not support billing.

A review of the submitted reports finds that the requestor has not documented the service to support billing; therefore, the requestor is not due reimbursement.

4. According to the explanation of benefits, the respondent denied reimbursement for HCPCS code A4215 based upon reason code "U630."

HCPCS Code A4215 is defined as "Needle, sterile, any size, each."

Per Medicare guidelines, Transmittal B-03-020, effective February 28, 2003 if Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) HCPCS codes are incidental to the physician service, it is not separately payable. A review of the submitted documentation does not support a separate service to support billing HCPCS code A4215. As a result, reimbursement is not recommended.

### **Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that reimbursement is due for the specified services. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

### ***ORDER***

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

### **Authorized Signature**

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Signature

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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

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03/31/2015

### ***YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL***

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

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